CONDEMN THE MASSACRE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PERU

We condemn the brutal massacre of hundreds of political prisoners at the Peruvian prisons El Frontón, Lurigancho and Sta. Bárbara by the Armed Forces of the Peruvian Regime.

For 3 days the Peruvian Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force attacked these prisons with bombs dropped from helicopters, antitank missiles and all the firepower of a modern, foreign-equipped army. When they finally broke through, a captain described their carnage at Lurigancho as "dozens of bodies stacked against a wall."

These prisoners are reportedly supporters of the Communist Party of Peru (so-called "Sendero Luminoso") which has led a People's War for six years now. In these prisons of El Frontón, Sta. Bárbara and Lurigancho, the political prisoners were repeatedly denied food and water, had their reading materials confiscated and burned numerous times, were beaten and murdered, with the worst attack coming down at Lurigancho last October when more than 30 of them were burned to death with flamethrowers. 70% of all prisoners throughout Peru and 90% of the prisoners at Lurigancho are being held without being convicted of any charges. Their families have risked death and disappearance to visit them, make known their situation and bring them food and reading materials. Their consistent defiance and demand to be recognized as political prisoners has enraged the authorities. A few days before the attack, the Peruvian government prohibited reporters from entering the prisons, and for months now they have been trying to move them to isolated prisons in the jungles and deserts far from other prisoners, their families, friends, lawyers and reporters. Their families have charged this was with the intention to destroy them all, and this outrageous attack may have done just that.

The Peruvian Government gave the order for the attack and was fully in accord with it. When the armed forces entered the prisons they fully intended "to kill everyone", in the words of a captain.

We will not stand by in silence. We urge people to protest this outrage, to step forward and condemn this cowardly massacre.

PARTIAL LIST OF SIGNATURES TO THE LETTER OF CONDEMNATION

119 Mexican and Latino factory workers, Los Angeles and Orange County
200 Mexican and Latino farmworkers and factory workers, San Diego
103 Mexican and Latino garment workers, Los Angeles
60 Day Laborers, Los Angeles
85 Residents of Nickerson Gardens (housing project in Watts)
101 Residents from South Central Los Angeles and Watts
136 Residents of Pico Aliso and Aliso Village (housing projects in East los Angeles)
Miguel Angel, Laney College*
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Carlos Baron, La Raza Studies Department, S.F. State University
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Bost Bohning and Stanford Action for Nuclear Disarmament
Vicki Breazeale, Director of Humanities and Science, New College of California
Uncle Ruth Buell, Program coordinator, KPFK*, teacher
Harvey Burke, Orator
Charles Byrd, Western Addition Cultural Center
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Casa Chile
Wilfred O. Cassano, poet
K. Laurence Chang, Professor, Cleveland, OH
CONICA (Commitee on No Intervention in Central America)
Sandy Darlington, Frontera News
Alan Davis, Cleveland, OH
Michael Day, International Indian Treaty Council
Nancy Delaney, radio producer, KPFA*
Paul Dester, Solidarity Publications*
Carol Downer, Executive Director of the Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centers, LA
Richard Duardo, artist
Corey Dublin, ex-news director of KPFK, LA
B. Kwaku Duren, New Alliance Party*
Carlos Espinoza
Michael Fischman, Attorney
Hayden Fisher, member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (Anti-Imperialist) and one of the 3 who raised the Red Flag over the Alamo
Nancy Freedom, Nat'l Association of Neurolinguistic Programming Board
Alicia Fuchs, Attorney
Diane Gamboa, artist
Dr. James Garrett, Professor at Laney College
John George, member of Alameda County Board of Supervisors
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Martin Jilleph Hamilton, Vice-President of New College of California
George Harrison, Irish Struggle
Ted Hayes, spokesperson for Justicville, LA
Mildred M. Henry, President of New College of California
Paul Hoffman, Civil Rights Attorney
Geronimo J Jaga (Pratt), Prisoner of War
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Rev. William Knight, Calvary Presbyterian Church*, Cleveland, OH
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Ronald Lopez, Historian
Los Angeles County Central Committee, Peace and Freedom Party
Frank Li Manin, ex-prisoner No. 80687, Rahway State Prison
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Diane D. Maules, Pledge of Resistance
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New Afrikan People's Organization, LA Chapter
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Daniel Thompson, Poet, Cleveland, OH
Felix Tobin, Peruvian, Spanish interpreter
TRADE ROOTS
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Ginger Varney, Columnist, L.A. Weekly*
Joe Veale, Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A., Bay Area branch
Glenda Veasey, Attorney
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Reverend Lloyd Wake
Richard Walden, LA
Susan Wefald, Somos Hermanos*, NYC
C. Whitehead, squatter, NYC
Arapaho Wiatu, Groundwork Bookstore*, San Diego
Glenda Veasey, Attorney
Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice/WILPF, Executive Board, Cleveland, OH
Dow Woodward, Prof., Biological Science, Stanford University
Rene Yáñez, Galería de la Raza
Michael Zinzun, Chairman, Coalition Against Police Abuse; Peace and Freedom Candidate, 59th Assembly District, LA
30 participants in the 4th of July March for Liberty and Justice for all Immigrants and Refugees Demonstration at the border
105 participants in the Big Mountain Rally in Berkeley
18 people at July 7 demonstrations against Chilean torture ship Esmeralda (which participated in the Statue of Liberty celebration), NYC
30 participants at the July 19 celebration of the anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution in Thompkins Square Park, NYC
21 Haitians, 2 North Americans, and 1 Dominican at an event in Brooklyn July 27 marking the 1915 occupation of Haiti
56 people at Big Mountain demonstration, Dolores Garcia Park, LA (7/6/88)
33 people at P.I.L.T. (Public Image Limited) concert in Long Beach
40 members of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, OH
*For identification purposes only

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